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SUBJ: MOSCOW VISIT OF TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES

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1. DURING LUNCHEON WITH EMBOFF JAN 17 TENNECO EXEC. VP JACK RAY COMMENTED THAT TALKS WITH NORTH STAR SOVIET NEGOTIATING GROUP ARE PROCEEDING WELL AND COMPANY BEGINNING GET FRIM ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED DURING U.S. TRIP OF DEP FON TRADE MIN OSIPOV AND COLLEAGUES IN OCT 73. FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCEDED PETSAMO ARE AMONG PRINCIPAL ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION NOW, TOGETHER WITH PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES FOR PIPELINE.

2. RAY NOTED THAT TENNECO URGENTLY NEEDS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP PETSAMO AREA IN ORDER PREPARE DETAILED PROPOSAL ON GAS STORAGE FACILITIES AND LIQUEFACTION PLANT. REGARDING OTHER ASPECTS PROJECT HE COMMENTED THAT CONSORTIUM PLANS BRING TWELVEVE 800-MAN CONSTRUCTION CREWS FOR THREE YEARS TO BUILD PIPELINE AND THAT MOBILE TEMPORARY LODGING UNITS AVAILABLE FINLAND MAY PROVE BEST MEANS TO HOUSE THESE FOREIGN WORKERS.

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3. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, RAY HOPES COMPLETE GENERAL PROTOCOL

WITHIN SIX MONTHS. CONSORTIUM IS APPARENTLY PREPARING ALTER-
NATIVE FINANCING PLANS FOR PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS AS SOON AS
FATE OF SECTION IV TRADE BILL BECOMES CLEAR.DUBS

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